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#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MARIA McENEANY

##### HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Maria Desiderio McEneany, a constituent of the 49th Congressional District who recently passed away.

Maria spent her life in service to her family and community. With a ready smile and a helping hand, Maria was always ready to use her talent, knowledge, and experience to assist others. Often with her husband Paul at her side, Maria organized events including weddings at St. James Church and fundraisers for her favorite causes.

Maria's heart was large enough to embrace causes from Jubilee USA to fight for international debt relief to the San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls where she elevated her voice to fight the scourge of human trafficking and promote opportunity and equity.

Maria will long be remembered as a long-serving executive board member of the Rancho Santa Fe Democratic Club where her welcoming spirit, collaborative style, and hard work contributed to the growth and success of the club. She also served as a member of the San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee and North Area Caucus at a pivotal time when the changing political landscape led to the election of many of the candidates who she worked tirelessly to elect.

Maria will long be remembered and loved by all those whose life she touched.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, due to a personal matter, I was unable to attend the vote series.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 179; NAY on Roll Call No. 180; YEA on Roll Call No. 181, and NAY on Roll Call No. 182.

#### DELIVERING FOR AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

##### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support H.R. 8015, the Delivering for

America Act. This legislation is an important first step to ensure our Postal Service is not undermined by the reckless and political actions undertaken by President Trump's hand-picked postmaster general.

The United States Postal Service is enshrined in our Constitution and is a critical thread of the fabric of American life.

Our postal workers and letter carriers work six days a week and often long hours to support business and provide Americans with essential services that keep us connected to our family, friends, and the world at large.

We celebrate our heritage and accomplishments through designs on postage stamps. Young men enroll in our Selective Service at the post office. When we drop a birthday card, a bill, or a mail-in ballot into the mailbox, we know it will be delivered on time. And for many Americans, the USPS is a vital lifeline.

For example, millions of seniors depend on the USPS for their Social Security check, for the delivery of their essential medications, for their ability to vote, and to stay connected to their family and the world.

For many seniors, a Social Security check is their only source of income. It pays for their food, their rent, and other essential needs, including paying for their life-saving medications.

Twenty percent of Americans over forty with a chronic disease receive their medications through mail order, and over half are over the age of sixty-five. Fifty-four percent of this group take more than four types of medications. For these Americans, including millions of veterans, the collapse of our USPS would be literally a matter of life or death.

Currently, with our nation and the world in the midst of a deadly pandemic, without the postal service, it would be impossible to live our lives as we would normally. We must have safe and secure ways to continue to participate in community life, which includes the ability to exercise our most fundamental right as American citizens: the right to vote.

More than ever, with the approaching national election, it is critical for Americans to be able to trust their mail-in ballots will be safely delivered in time to be counted.

It is unconscionable that instead of expanding and securing our mail-in voting, President Trump's postmaster general is deliberately trying to undermine and destroy trust in our postal service.

Mr. Speaker, I share the concern and outrage expressed by my constituents about delays in their mail, reduced accessibility to postal services, and efforts to weaken or destroy the USPS.

H.R. 8015 will prevent the president, and his postmaster general, from weakening or destroying our U.S. Postal Service and the essential services it provides to the American people.

I am proud to vote for the Delivering for America Act to protect the millions of Americans whose very lives depend upon the Postal Service, and to stop the president's insidious plan to sabotage it.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Ms. GABBARD. Madam Speaker, on August 22, 2020, I was unable to be present to vote

due to my service in the Army National Guard, and I did not request a Member to cast my vote out of an abundance of caution and respect for the Resolution that authorized proxy voting only during a public health emergency caused by the coronavirus. I missed Roll Call votes Nos. 179 through 182. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Roll Call No. 179: YES—On Ordering the Previous Question; Roll Call No. 180: YES—On Agreeing to the Resolution; Roll Call No. 181: NO—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions; and Roll Call No. 182: YES—On Passage.

#### HONORING THE DEVELOPMENT OF GARDNER HOUSE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

##### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mercy Housing Northwest's Gardner House in Seattle, Washington for receiving the 2020 Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Award from the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition. The Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Award recognizes excellence in the affordable housing industry and projects that have demonstrated the most impactful use of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

The Gardner House provides 95 new affordable homes and quality services for families, formerly homeless individuals, and people with disabilities in the Mount Baker neighborhood. It was developed with the use of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, which is an enormously important tool to increase the development of affordable housing for families in Washington state and across the country.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten our economy, jobs, and our constituents' ability to afford rent. Projects such as the Gardner House help to ease the burden of rent and provide critical services when it is needed most. It provides resources for residents and people in the community at risk for homelessness and much-needed family-sized housing and services near transit and schools. This includes educational services for children, out-of-school activities, and community development. In addition, two units are designed to be licensed in-home childcare units to provide affordable, convenient childcare for residents.

The Gardner House is a great example of the use of public and private funding to benefit the community and increase the desperately needed supply of affordable housing. I applaud Mercy Housing Northwest, the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation, the City of Seattle, and everyone that made the development of Gardner House in Seattle possible and congratulate them on this much-deserved award.